

13:20-26.17 Compliance with diesel emission standards, equipment requirements, and test procedures; periodic inspection program for diesel emissions; self-inspection; exempt vehicles.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in P.L. 1995, c.157, heavy-duty diesel trucks, as defined by that Act, operating in New Jersey shall be subject to applicable diesel emission standards established by the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, an examination of the muffler and diesel emission control apparatus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, and diesel test procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.

(b) On or after July 1, 1998, the owner or lessee of a heavy-duty diesel truck, as defined in P.L. 1995, c.157 and registered in this State, shall submit proof to the Division that the vehicle has, within 90 days after the date of registration or renewal thereof, complied with the requirements for periodic inspection. Compliance with the requirements for periodic inspection shall mean that the vehicle has been tested for opacity at a diesel emission inspection center licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:20-47 and that the vehicle has successfully passed a test procedure for opacity as set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.

(c) Certification of self-inspection pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:20-26.11 and 26.13 is a representation by the owner or lessee of any heavy-duty diesel truck that, at a minimum, the diesel vehicle is in compliance with the DEP emission standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, all applicable requirements regarding the muffler and emission control apparatus, and that the diesel vehicle can successfully pass the test procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4. On or after July 1, 1998, any certification of self-inspection shall require compliance with the requirements of (b) above.

(d) The following motor vehicles, some of which may be subject to inspection under other provisions of law or regulation, shall be exempt from the periodic diesel emission inspection requirements of this subchapter:

1. Diesel-powered motor vehicles, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:8-60, that are registered as contractor equipment in transit vehicles pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-30;
2. Heavy-duty diesel trucks and other diesel-powered motor vehicles, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:8-60, which are designed for farming purposes and registered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-24 or 39:3-25; and
3. Heavy-duty diesel trucks and other diesel-powered motor vehicles, as defined in P.L. 1995, c.157, which are owned and operated by a county, municipality, fire district, or duly incorporated nonprofit organization and used for first aid, emergency, ambulance, rescue, or fire-fighting purposes.

New Rule. R.1997 d.392, effective September 15, 1997.
See 29 N.J.R. 1264(a), 29 N.J.R. 4149(a).
Amended by R.1998 d.310, effective June 15, 1998

See: 30 N.J.R. 990(a), 30 N.J.R. 2262(b).

In (b), changed "January 1, 1998" to "July 1, 1998" and substituted 90 for 30 days after "the vehicle has, within", and substituted "after" for "prior to" following "90 days"; in (c), changed "January 1, 1998" to "July 1, 1998"; in (d), inserted a reference to N.J.S.A. 39:8-60 in 1 and rewrote 2; and deleted references to diesel-powered motor vehicles throughout the section.

Amended by R.2001 d.20, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3720(a), 33 N.J.R. 269(a).

In (c), substituted "of" for "for" following "owner or lessee".

SUBCHAPTER 27. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER 28. INSPECTION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES

13:20-28.1 Purpose

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to effect increased equipment and vehicular safety by requiring new motor vehicle dealers to inspect new motor vehicles prior to delivery to an ultimate purchaser in New Jersey.

(b) Such inspection shall be deemed, when performed in conformity with this subchapter, to satisfy the requirements of N.J.S.A. 39:8-1.

13:20-28.2 Applicability

The provisions of this subchapter shall be applicable to all new motor vehicle dealers licensed by the Director.

13:20-28.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Director" means the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation.

"Mileage recording instrument" means an instrument mounted in the passenger compartment of a vehicle which will accurately measure and record the mileage traversed by the vehicle.

"New car dealer" or "new motorcycle dealer" means a dealer licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10-19, to sell new passenger vehicles or new motorcycles, his or her employees and/or agents.

"New motor vehicle dealer" means a dealer licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10-19, to sell new motor vehicles, his or her employees and/or agents.

"New passenger vehicle" means every new vehicle, regardless of registration class, used and designed for the transportation of passengers, except motorcycles, omnibuses, school buses and vehicles that run upon rails or tracks.

"Pre-delivery check list" means a list of items and procedures which a new car dealer or new motorcycle dealer is required or recommended by a manufacturer to check or follow prior to delivery of a new vehicle to a purchaser.

"Ultimate purchaser" means any person, other than a motor vehicle dealer purchasing in his or her capacity as a motor vehicle dealer, who in good faith purchases a motor vehicle for purposes other than for resale as a motor vehicle dealer.

Amended by R.1999 d.422, effective December 6, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 2466(a), 31 N.J.R. 4078(a).

Deleted a former second sentence in the introductory paragraph; and in "Director", substituted a reference to the Department of Transportation for a reference to the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Amended by R.2001 d.20, effective January 16, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 3720(a), 33 N.J.R. 269(a).

In "New car dealer" and "New motor vehicle dealer", inserted "or her" preceding "employees and/or agents"; in "Ultimate purchaser", inserted "or her" preceding "capacity".

13:20-28.4 Manufacturers' new vehicle inspection procedure

(a) Every new motor vehicle dealer shall, prior to delivery to an ultimate purchaser of any new motor vehicle, inspect the safety devices on such vehicles and perform such services as may be necessary so that such vehicle conforms to certain specifications established by the manufacturer and contained in its pre-delivery check list.

(b) Completion of the pre-delivery inspection procedure required or recommended by a manufacturer shall be deemed by the Director, unless and until otherwise stated, to render that vehicle safe for operation on the highways, roadways and other quasi-public areas of New Jersey.

(c) Any new motorcycle dealer which inspects new motorcycles pursuant to this subchapter must be licensed as a Class III private inspection facility pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:20-44.

Amended by R.1999 d.422, effective December 6, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 2466(a), 31 N.J.R. 4078(a).

Rewrote (c).

Amended by R.2001 d.20, effective January 16, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 3720(a), 33 N.J.R. 269(a).

In (b), substituted "safe" for "sale" preceding "for operation".

13:20-28.5 United States Transportation Department standards

(a) All new motor vehicles subject to inspection shall meet the standards now or hereafter prescribed by the manufacturer or by statute or by regulation of the Director or by the standards prescribed by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

~~(b) In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the manufacturer's specifications and any standard or rule adopted by the U.S. Department of Transportation or by statute or by regulation of the Director, the standard or rule adopted by the U.S. Department of Transportation or by statute or by regulation of the Director shall take precedence.~~

13:20-28.6 Decal; period of validity

(a) Every new motor vehicle dealer shall, after satisfactory completion of inspection, affix a decal or other indication of successful inspection as the Director may prescribe, upon such vehicle.

(b) Any new motor vehicle receiving a decal or other indication of successful inspection pursuant to this subchapter shall next be inspected not later than two years from the last day of the calendar month in which the vehicle was inspected by the new motor vehicle dealer, and the decal or other indication of successful inspection affixed to the vehicle by the new motor vehicle dealer shall so indicate.

Amended by R.1999 d.422, effective December 6, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 2466(a), 31 N.J.R. 4078(a).

Rewrote (b); and deleted former (c) and (d).

13:20-28.7 Compliance

~~No new motor vehicle dealer may deliver a vehicle to an ultimate purchaser until such vehicle has been found to be in safe operating condition as determined by compliance with the inspection standards established by the provisions of this subchapter.~~

13:20-28.8 Evidence of compliance

~~(a) Completion by a new motor vehicle dealer of a manufacturer's pre-delivery check list or report shall be evidence of compliance with the provisions of this subchapter.~~

~~(b) Such pre-delivery check list or report shall be retained by the new motor vehicle dealer for a period of at least three years from the date of inspection.~~

13:20-28.9 Recommended practices and forms

~~The pre-delivery check list used by a new motor vehicle dealer shall indicate the place and date of inspection, the person or persons performing such inspection, and compliance with the standards of safety established by this subchapter.~~

13:20-28.10 Additional inspection

~~Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to limit or deny the Director to require any additional inspection, including an inspection to assure the proper functioning of emission control devices or systems of new motor vehicles, nor shall this subchapter be construed to abridge any code, rule or regulation now or hereafter promulgated pursuant to~~

Title 26, Chapter 2C of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, "Air Pollution Control Act of 1954" or the New Jersey "Federal Clean Air Mandate Compliance Act" (P.L. 1995, c.112).

Amended by R.1996 d.28, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 257(a).

Added "or the New Jersey 'Federal Clean Air Mandate Compliance Act' (P.L. 1995, c.112)".

13:20-28.11 Determination of compliance by Director

The Director or any of his or her designees may enter upon the premises of any new motor vehicle dealer to determine compliance with this subchapter.

Amended by R.2001 d.20, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3720(a), 33 N.J.R. 269(a).

Inserted "or her" preceding "designees" and deleted "any section of" preceding "this subchapter".

13:20-28.12 Violation

Any new motor vehicle dealer who violates any provision of this subchapter shall be subject, after notice and opportunity to be heard, to the suspension or revocation of his or her New Jersey dealer license.

Amended by R.2001 d.20, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3720(a), 33 N.J.R. 269(a).

Substituted "opportunity to be heard" for "hearing" preceding ", to the suspension" and inserted "or her" preceding "New Jersey dealer license".

SUBCHAPTER 29. MOBILE INSPECTION UNIT

13:20-29.1 Mobile Inspection Unit

There is hereby created in the Division of Motor Vehicles a Mobile Inspection Unit which is authorized to conduct on-road inspections of motor vehicles registered in New Jersey in accordance with the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.14 for the purpose of fostering highway safety.

Amended by R.1996 d.28, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 272(a).

Substituted "conduct on-road inspections of vehicles registered in New Jersey in accordance with the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.14" for "set-up and conduct random roadside".

Amended by R.1999 d.422, effective December 6, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2466(a), 31 N.J.R. 4078(a).

Deleted a reference to the Bureau of Vehicle Inspection, and substituted a reference to motor vehicles for a reference to vehicles.

Case Notes

Record was insufficient to properly address constitutionality of random roadside examination of vehicles for safety violations. State v. Kadelak, 258 N.J.Super. 599, 610 A.2d 916 (A.D.1992).

13:20-29.2 Procedures

(a) Motor vehicles inspected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:8-2g, this subchapter, and N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.14 which are found to be in proper operating condition shall retain the existing inspection certificate of approval or certificate of waiver issued therefor.

(b) Motor vehicles inspected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:8-2g, this subchapter, and N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.14 which are found to be defective shall have the existing inspection certificate of approval or certificate of waiver issued therefor, if any, removed and an inspection rejection sticker shall be affixed to the lower left corner of the windshield inside the passenger compartment of the motor vehicle. Motor vehicles which are found to be defective shall be repaired and presented for reinspection within 30 days of the date of the on-road inspection rejection, except as otherwise provided at N.J.A.C. 13:20-7.6(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.28, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 272(a).

In (b) replaced inspection stickers with rejection stickers and added licensed private inspection centers and facilities.

Amended by R.1999 d.422, effective December 6, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2466(a), 31 N.J.R. 4078(a).

Rewrote the section.

Case Notes

Record was insufficient to properly address constitutionality of random roadside examination of vehicles for safety violations. State v. Kadelak, 258 N.J.Super. 599, 610 A.2d 916 (A.D.1992).

13:20-29.3 Penalty

Motor vehicles inspected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:8-2g, this subchapter, and N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.14 which are found to be defective and which have not been presented for reinspection in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:20-29.2(b) shall be subject to the penalties provided in N.J.S.A. 39:8-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.16(b).

Amended by R.1999 d.422, effective December 6, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2466(a), 31 N.J.R. 4078(a).

Rewrote the section.

Case Notes

Record was insufficient to properly address constitutionality of random roadside examination of vehicles for safety violations. State v. Kadelak, 258 N.J.Super. 599, 610 A.2d 916 (A.D.1992).

SUBCHAPTER 30. SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOL BUSES

13:20-30.1 Applicability

The provisions of this Subchapter shall be applicable to all school buses registered in this State, except buses which are also used for the transportation of passengers for hire and which are subject to inspection by the New Jersey Department of Public Utilities.